

550C. If the court maintains naturalization records using the certificate stub, the certificates and the stub of the original certificate shall be signed by the petitioner. If the court maintains naturalization records on an electronic database then only the certificates shall be signed by the petitioner and the information contained on the stub shall be entered into and maintained in the court's electronic database.

(b) The certificate shall show under "former nationality" the name of the country of which the petitioner was last a citizen, as shown on the petition, even though the petitioner may have been stateless at the time of admission to citizenship. The clerk of court or the authorized deputy shall endorse the alien registration number on the certificate stub, or if using automation equipment, ensure it is part of the electronic database record. The clerk of court or the authorized deputy shall personally sign the certificate, and ensure that the essential facts from the certificate are on the stub or entered into the electronic database record. Both certificates and stubs shall be prepared in one operation unless an automated system is used. Photographs shall be affixed to the original and duplicate certificates in the manner prescribed in 8 CFR part 333.

(c) The stub of the original certificate or the information recorded from the stub that is maintained on the electronic database shall be retained by the clerk of court. Courts using the certificate stub shall file and maintain the stub in a 3'x5' card file container. The electronic record shall be maintained in an accessible database with a back-up system to ensure protection and integrity of data. The original certificate shall be delivered to the petitioner. The duplicate certificate shall not be separated from the stub, and shall be forwarded to the appropriate office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service with all other duplicate papers or records in accordance with 8 CFR part 333.

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**§ 338.12 Endorsement by clerk of court in case name is changed.**

Whenever the name of a petitioner, whose petition for naturalization was filed prior to October 1, 1991, has been changed by order of a court as part of a naturalization, the clerk of court or his or her authorized deputy shall make the following endorsement on the front of the original and duplicate certificate of naturalization: "Name changed by decree of court from \_\_\_\_\_, as part of the naturalization." inserting in full the original name of the petitioner. This notation will be inserted immediately following the year of naturalization. If the stubs are being kept as naturalization records, a similar notation will be made on the stubs of the original and duplicate certificates, and the stub of the original certificate will be signed by the petitioner in the name as changed. If the court is using an electronic database for naturalization recordkeeping, the name change information will be maintained in that database. The original certificate will be issued and the duplicate, with or without the stub, depending on the specific courts recordkeeping system, will be sent to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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**§ 338.13 Spoiled certificate.**

Whenever a certificate of naturalization is damaged, mutilated, defaced, or otherwise spoiled before delivery by the clerk, the original and duplicate, with stubs intact, shall be marked "Spoiled" and transmitted to the appropriate immigration and naturalization office, in the manner described in § 339.2 of this chapter, with the monthly report of the clerk on Form N-4. This section applies to certificates prepared by the clerk of court pursuant to § 338.11.

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